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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Donald E. Burg Serial Number: 10/784,443 Filed: February 23, 2004

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ADMENDMENT PRIOR TO EXAMINATION AND FIRST OFFICE ACTION

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Please amend the above-identified Specification as follows:

Amend the Claims to the corrected format given on the attached pages titled:

Claim Amendments.

REMARKS

This ADMENDMENT PRIOR TO EXAMINATION AND FIRST OFFICE ACTION makes technical correction to a number of claims. No claims have been added so there is no fee due for additional claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the Application as herewith amended shuld now be in condition for allowance and that action is respectfully requested. However should the Examiner feel that some matters remain to be resolved, a telephone interview with the undersigned counsel for the Applicant is respectfully invited if the same would be expedient in resolving any remaining formalities or other matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 14, 2004



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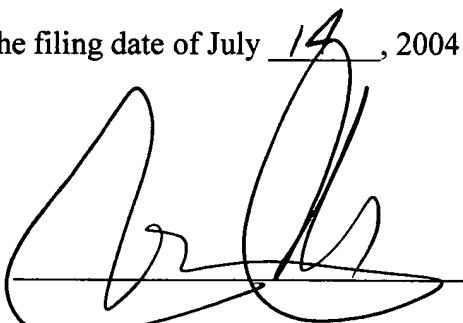
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached paper has been deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, this 14th day of July, 2004 which is neither a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday within the District of Columbia, and I accordingly claim the filing date of July 14, 2004 for this paper as provided for in 37 CFR 1.10.

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